

REMARKS

Claims 2-21 and 23 are pending. Claims 1 and 22 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 2-21 and 23 are allowable. Since all of the other pending claims have been canceled, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Additionally, to the extent possible, expedited issuance of a notice of allowance would be appreciated.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this response should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this response.

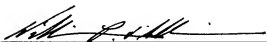
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